Application No. 09/909,980 Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE DRAWINGS

FIGS. 1-46 have been replaced by the attached replacement sheets which more clearly show the features of the present invention, as required by the Examiner.

The replacement sheets for FIGS. 1, 5, 7-13, 15A and 15B, 16A and 16B, 17, 18, 22-25, 28-30, 34-36, 41, 45 and 46, incorporate the amendments described hereinabove, which correct various minor informalities of which the undersigned has become aware. Annotated sheets corresponding to the amended drawings are submitted herewith to show the changes made thereto.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the drawings be approved and that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to correct various minor informalities of which the undersigned has become aware to better accord with the drawings. No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the specification be approved and entered.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the specification and drawings set forth hereinabove are necessary for the clear understanding and proper disclosure of the present invention. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that no substantial additional work on the part of the USPTO is required. And it is also respectfully submitted that the scope of the (allowed) claims is not affected by the amendments set forth hereinabove.

Accordingly, approval and entry of this Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312, and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

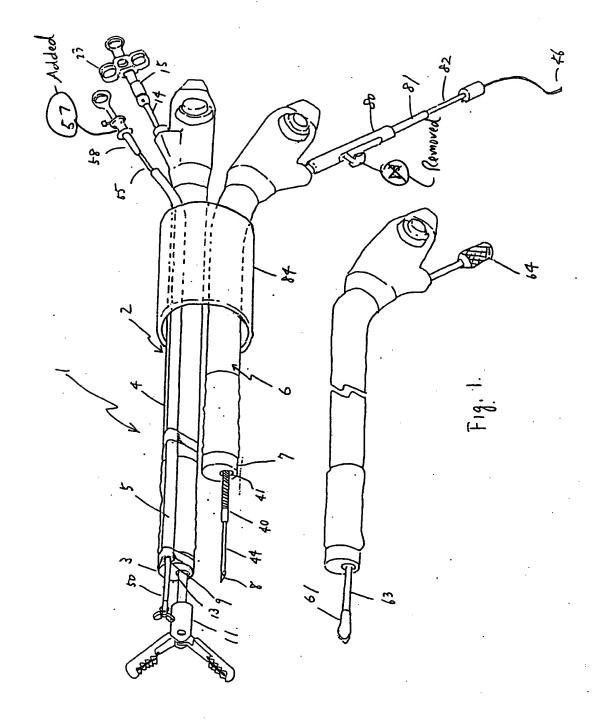
If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

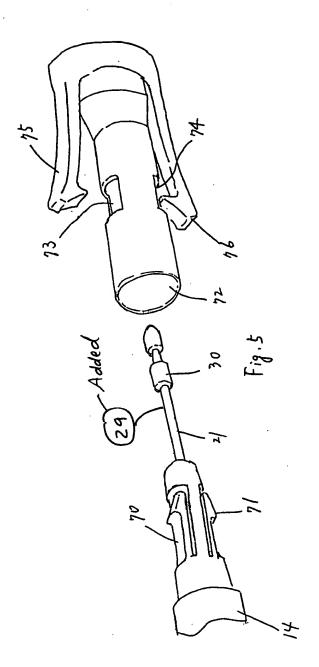
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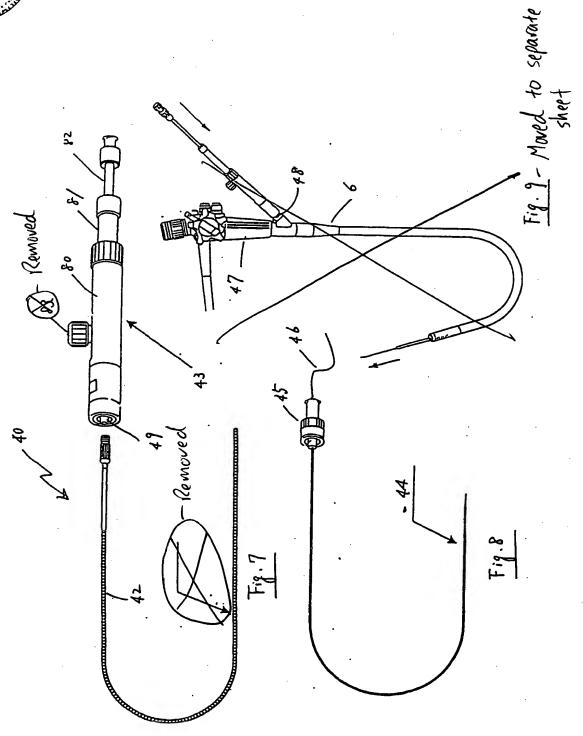




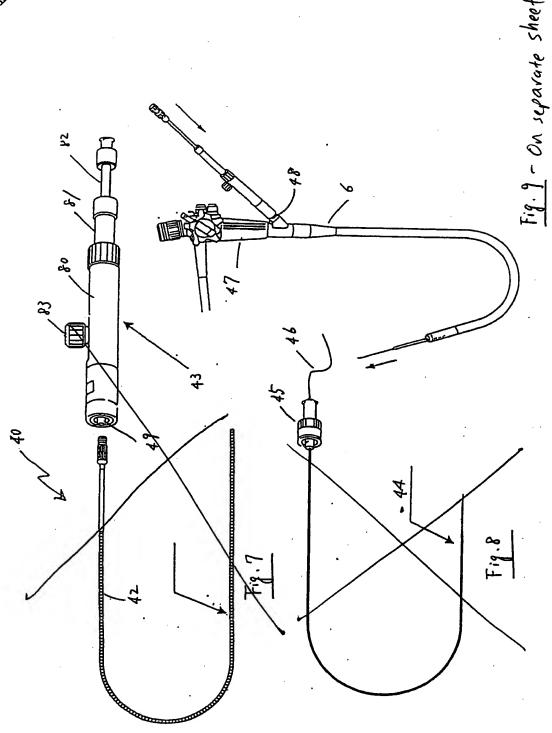




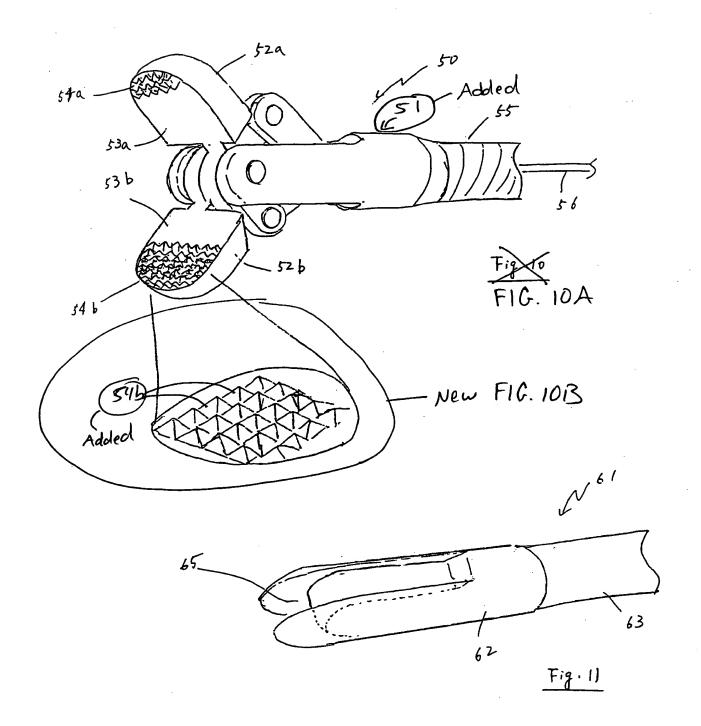














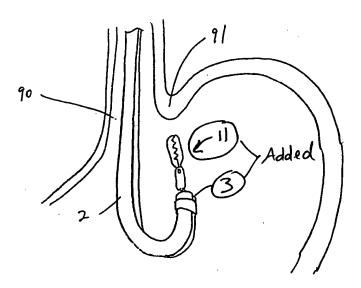


Fig. 12

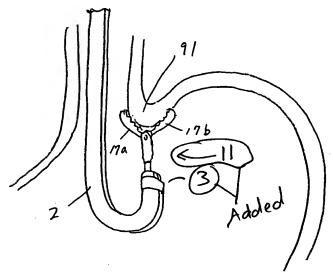


Fig. 13



